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OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

IN CHARGE OF
MARY E. THORNTON



[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its regular reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits for at least the remainder of the present year. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—ED.]

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING-SCHOOLS FOR NURSES

THE secretary desires to correct several errors which unfortunately appear in the list of contributors to the course on Hospital Economics at Teachers College. On page 14 Miss Palmer is credited with having turned over two hundred dollars to Mrs. Robb. This should have been two dollars, having been received through the JOURNAL and acknowledged therein. This was a printer's error and was overlooked in the proof-reading.

In the appendix list the name of the Johns Hopkins Alumnae was overlooked, and this is the more regrettable, as this Alumnae Association, which is notably public-spirited and active, has from the first shown much interest in the special course. The gifts which have actually come to the course through this alumnae are seventy-five dollars from the alumnae treasury and twenty-five dollars from Miss Bartlett, a member. Mrs. Sullivan, a Johns Hopkins graduate and one of the first to take the special course, returned to the college a scholarship of one hundred dollars which had been made a gift to the alumnae without condition.

Finally, Miss Kimber's gift of one hundred dollars came as a result of the good offices of Miss Nutting in the matter of the revision of Miss Kimber's book, and it was the wish of the latter that it should be so understood.

The eighth and ninth reports of the society are bound in one volume, and have been sent to members. Owing to a mistake of the binder, no paper-covered reports are to be had. Those who wish extra copies, or individuals not members who would like to obtain the report, can procure cloth-bound copies from the secretary for forty cents. This includes postage. L. L. DOCK, Secretary.

THE NAVY NURSE BILL

As the committee of the Spanish-American War Nurses on navy legislation, I have to report that there is a fair prospect of obtaining action this winter. Those present at our meeting will remember that the original bill printed in the annual report of the Surgeon-General and amended by a committee of our society was introduced in the Senate by Senator Gallinger (a physician and member of the Naval Committee) at my request. This met with so much opposition from the army, on account of offering conditions so much better than those of the army, that it became necessary to draft a new bill based on the army bill. I succeeded, however, in securing the consent of the Surgeons-General

of both services to those improvements which I considered most essential. These are: first, a fixed number of nurses as the permanent corps (fifty is specified) to be a part of the medical department; second, longevity pay, which means an increase of five per cent. in the pay for each three years of continuous service; and, third, cumulative leave. There is no transport question in the navy, and the ration is very superior, being worth almost twice that of the army. Therefore what is most needed to secure a fine corps is incentives to long service and the consequent improved "esprit" and feeling of permanence. It is hoped that the provisions mentioned above will secure this. It seems hardly necessary to add that if the navy gets good things, the army will soon have them too.

The Secretary of the Navy has refused to indorse this substitute (which Senator Dolliver introduced for me because Senator Gallinger was out of town at the time), but he will not strongly oppose it, as he did the first one, so the prospect of its becoming a law is still fairly good, though, of course, not certain.

The measure proposed now is not ideal in every way, but it seems satisfactory and the best which can possibly be obtained under existing circumstances. When we have nurses serving for long terms in the army and navy, retirement and pension provisions will follow. ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE.

[Dr. McGee's report was received too late for the February number of the JOURNAL.—ED.]

In the Senate of the United States, January 6, 1903, Mr. Dolliver introduced the following bill, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs:

"A BILL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF A NURSE CORPS OF TRAINED WOMEN NURSES IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a Nurse Corps of trained women nurses is hereby established as a part of the medical department of the United States Navy, and shall consist of one superintendent, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy on the recommendation of the Surgeon-General; of at least fifty chief nurses and nurses, and of as many reserve nurses as may be needed. Reserve nurses may be assigned to active duty when the necessities of the service demand, but shall receive no compensation except when on such duty: *Provided,* That the superintendent and all nurses in the Nurse Corps shall be citizens of the United States and graduates of training-schools which require not less than two-years' residence in general hospitals, and shall have passed a satisfactory professional, moral, mental, and physical examination.

"SEC. 2. That chief nurses, nurses, and reserve nurses shall be appointed by the Surgeon-General of the Navy, with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, and that they shall be eligible for duty at naval hospitals and on board of hospital and ambulance ships, and for such special duty as may be deemed necessary by the Surgeon-General of the Navy.

"SEC. 3. That nurses shall receive forty dollars per month when on duty within the continental limits of the United States and fifty dollars per month when without the continental limits of the United States, and that nurses on the reserve list when placed on active duty shall receive the above pay with ten per centum additional. Chief nurses shall receive such pay as may be authorized by the Secretary of the Navy, not to exceed twenty-five dollars per month

more than that provided for nurses. The superintendent shall receive one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum. Chief nurses, nurses, and reserve nurses when on active duty shall be entitled to quarters, subsistence, and medical attendance during illness. Appointments of superintendents, chief nurses, and nurses shall be for three years, subject to discharge for cause, and with each reappointment they shall receive an increase of five per centum in their pay. They shall receive transportation and necessary expenses when travelling under orders, and may be granted leave of absence for thirty days with pay for each calendar year and if such leave cannot be granted, it may become cumulative."

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR NURSES

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Session of Wednesday, December 3, 1902

AFTER the preliminaries already reported, the regular business session was declared open, with the president, Dr. McGee, in the chair.

The chair announced that no objection had been made to any of the applicants for membership, and in accordance with the constitution all were therefore declared elected. Twenty-three of these are active members and four are associates. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the recording secretary, Miss Wilson, and, after correction, approved. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lounsbury, reported seven resignations sent in but not acted on, five camps formed (they had reported the day previous), and gave the names of forty-two members of the society who had married.

Dr. McGee being obliged to go to the Capitol on behalf of the navy nurse bill, Dr. Hughes was asked to take the chair for the rest of the morning. The treasurer's (Mrs. Lounsbury's) report was read, was reported correct by the Auditing Committee, and was accepted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance on hand, 1901	\$530.38
Gross receipts from all sources (current and benefit funds, and interest on bank deposits)	536.92
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	\$1067.30
Total disbursements for the year, for current fund only	200.15
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Balance on hand, December 1, 1902 \$867.15

Which balance is divided as follows:

Current fund	\$295.95
Benefit fund	264.97
Monument fund	306.23
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	\$867.15

No financial obligations were incurred for the present meeting.

The Committee on Incorporation, which was next called on, did not present any report, but the chairman, Dr. Hughes, recommended that the by-laws be amended so that the society should not come under the legal designation of a "benevolent" organization; that incorporation should be indefinitely postponed, and that when it becomes desirable, the society should incorporate under the

laws of Massachusetts or the District of Columbia. This report was accepted with the recommendations. The recording secretary stated that the Executive Committee had been advised by Mr. John B. Larnier, a leading corporation lawyer, that it would be of no advantage to the society under present conditions to incorporate, but that if this should be done, the revised code of the District was considered excellent and national in character. Mr. Larnier has offered his services to the society gratuitously should they be needed in the future. She also stated that Mr. C. J. Bell, president of the American Security and Trust Company, has kindly advised the committee regarding investments. On motion, votes of thanks were given Mr. Larnier and Mr. Bell.

The Executive Committee, through the recording secretary, reported as follows: The Finance Committee and the Executive Committee recommend that the treasurer of the society be placed under bonds, said bonds to be furnished by a bonding company to be chosen by the Executive Committee; also that when the funds of the society are sufficient for the purpose they be invested in first mortgage railroad bonds. Report adopted with the recommendations.

After recess for lunch the session was resumed with Dr. McGee in the chair. She reported interviews with several Senators, including Senator Gallinger, M.D., a leading member of the Naval Committee, who would introduce the bill in the Senate the following morning. A rising vote of thanks was given Dr. McGee.

The proposed amendment to the by-laws, Article VII., striking out the section and substituting provisions for an obligatory life fee and the merging of the separate funds into one for general purposes, was next taken up and discussed. An amendment to this was moved by Mrs. Lounsbery striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting the wording of the existing article with the exception of making the optional life membership "eight" dollars instead of "twenty-five," as at present. On motion of Miss Fanning, this was amended by substituting "ten" for "eight," after which it was carried. Therefore the only change in the by-laws this year is to make the fee for life membership ten dollars instead of twenty-five.

Honorary members nominated at the first meeting of the society were then balloted for, and the tellers reported all of them elected. The names are as follows: Brigadier-General George M. Sternberg, Surgeon-General, United States Army, retired; Mrs. Winthrop Cowdin, of New York; Miss Mary Desha, Mrs. Amos C. Draper, and Miss Ella Loraine Dorsey, all of Washington; Mrs. Royal Gage and Miss Gilston, of Brooklyn; Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Miss Mary Wadley, and Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth, of New York, and the Misses Lucy L. Wheeler, Julia K. Wheeler, and Carrie P. Wheeler, of Wheeler, Ala.

Brigadier-General A. S. Burt (retired), having sent in his card, was invited to speak of the Jacksonville hospitals, and a brief recess was taken to greet him.

Dr. Hughes, on behalf of the New England members, cordially invited the society to hold its next meeting in Boston in June, 1903. After general discussion it was moved that the next meeting be held in the West, and after the adoption of an amendment substituting "San Francisco" for "the West" it was carried. It was then voted that the meeting be in the late summer or autumn, the time to be fixed so as to take advantage of the exceptionally low rates offered the Grand Army of the Republic for its San Francisco meeting. On motion of Miss Robbins, who presented an invitation from the Business Men's League of St. Louis, it was voted to hold the 1904 meeting in St. Louis during the progress of the World's Fair.

The election of officers being next in order, it was moved that Dr. McGee be made president for life. The chair having ruled this out of order, and Dr. McGee having been regularly nominated, she left the chair to beg that she be relieved from the duties of president, though expressing deep appreciation of the sentiments of the members of the society towards her. She then nominated Miss Gottschalk, now chief nurse at San Francisco, for president, and, resuming the chair, called for other nominations, which, however, were not made. Thirteen nominations for vice-president were made, and tellers were appointed to count the ballots. The following were afterwards declared elected: President, Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee; vice-presidents, Misses Helene M. Gottschalk, Annie E. Robbins, Isabelle J. Walton, Elizabeth M. Hewitt, Mary E. Esser, Ysabella G. Waters, Isabel Eliot Cowan, Esther V. Hasson, Elizabeth McCoy, Mary A. Quinn. By unanimous consent, there being no other nominations, ballots were cast for Miss Lela Wilson as recording secretary and for Mrs. Harriet Camp Lounsbery for treasurer. A rising vote of thanks was given these officers, and a motion to give an honorarium of fifty dollars to the treasurer and corresponding secretary was referred to the Finance Committee. That committee, after retiring, brought in a recommendation in favor of the motion, and it was carried.

Miss Jackson, on behalf of the Philadelphia members, moved "that the Spanish-American War Nurses unqualifiedly endorse the wish of the War Department for the restoration of the army canteen. They do this in the cause of temperance, assured that they are peculiarly well fitted to judge the conditions, feelings, and temptations of the soldier, and that they have earned the right to speak with authority thereon." Motion lost.*

Regarding the monument fund, the president reported that she had endeavored to secure a reply from the Secretary of War to the request of the society for permission to erect in Arlington Cemetery a monument to their deceased comrades, and had at last been informed that permission would be granted provided the style of monument were satisfactory. The Executive Committee was authorized to take suitable action in the matter. It was voted that a revised list of members be printed in *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING* and in the *Trained Nurse* (if acceptable), and that reprints be ordered. Dr. Hughes moved that the chair appoint a committee to frame such amendments to the constitution and by-laws as would be necessary if the society incorporate as a social organization. Carried. The session then adjourned.

Session of Friday, December 5, 1902

Held on the steamer, returning from Mount Vernon. The president in the chair. Miss Stack, on behalf of Mrs. St. John, presented a gavel to the president. Dr. McGee distributed copies of the navy nurse bill introduced in the Senate Wednesday. A motion to recount the ballots for vice-presidents was offered and lost. A motion that at the next meeting the election of officers be held early

* The *Washington Post* having published on Thursday morning a conspicuous notice that the society was opposed to the canteen, the meeting on Friday directed the president to contradict it, and the following note appeared in the *Post* of Sunday:

"WAR NURSES AND THE CANTEEN.

"EDITOR POST: The Spanish-American War Nurses request that the following statement be published: The vote on the canteen question taken by the Spanish-American War Nurses was not for or against the canteen as such. It was in effect that the association as a body did not wish to take a public position on the subject. The association does not either oppose or endorse the canteen.

"ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE,

"President S. A. W. N."

in the day was offered and laid on the table. No member of the Committee on Resolutions of Sympathy being present, a motion was carried that the secretary write suitable letters and that names and particulars be printed with report of meeting.

The committee to confer with the Spanish War Veterans and with its Auxiliary, Miss Saunders, chairman, reported a joint meeting held on Wednesday evening, and that the sentiments there expressed were in favor of recognition by the Veterans as the society of nurses of the Spanish War allied with them, although in all respects an independent body. The hope was expressed that the three societies might meet at the same time and place in future. Report accepted.

Motions of thanks to a number of ladies and gentlemen who had assisted in making the meeting a memorable and enjoyable one were carried unanimously.

After a recess, which was then taken, the session was resumed at the Ebbitt House. Some minor matters were discussed and the president was authorized to employ a clerk for the next meeting to assist the secretary.

Before the final adjournment Miss Stack appeared, bearing a large and beautiful loving-cup, which she presented to Dr. McGee from the members present as a token of esteem and affection and in appreciation of her efforts to make the meeting a success. The recipient was too much overcome by the renewed ovation she received to be able to make any suitable reply. She regrets that it is still impossible to give expression to her feelings towards the war nurses and the extent to which she appreciates their feelings towards her.

ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE,

President Spanish-American War Nurses.

THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES' MEETING

THE regular quarterly meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association was held at the Academy of Medicine, No. 17 West Forty-third Street, New York City, on January 20, 1903.

The meeting was called to order at ten A.M., Miss Juila E. Bailey, first vice-president, in the chair. The secretary, Miss Sanford, being absent, Miss Anderson was elected as secretary pro tem.

Miss Bailey then introduced Mrs. Cadwalader Jones, chairman of the Advisory Board of the New York City Training-School for Nurses, who gave the address of welcome. Mrs. Jones spoke of the honor of the profession and indorsed most heartily the efforts being made for State registration. She mentioned the fact that she was asked to secure Mr. Abram Hewitt's signature to a petition indorsing the bill for registration, and also to request him to speak a few words at this meeting. The family replied that Mr. Hewitt was so far from well that he could not make the engagement, but he signed the petition and it was returned inside of twenty-four hours, this being probably the last paper to which he affixed his signature.

The charter members and delegates were then asked to sit on one side of the room and the roll was called by the secretary. Thirty-nine charter members responded and six delegates from Bellevue Alumnae Association, representing nine votes, one from Monroe County Graduate Nurses' Association, representing six votes, one from the Homœopathic Training-School Alumnae Association, Roch-

ester, representing four votes, and two from the Faxon Hospital Alumnae Association, Utica, representing two votes, being a total of sixty votes represented.

The secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting, and they were approved as read.

In the absence of Miss Brooks, the treasurer, her written statement was read by the secretary, showing a balance of forty-five dollars and twenty-nine cents in the treasury.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws, Miss I. R. Palmer, chairman, was then called. Miss Palmer stated that the committee had no report to present, but she had had a petition placed in her hands signed by twenty-five members requesting several changes in the by-laws. The by-laws as they now stand require that a copy of this petition be made and sent to every member of the association before the first of March. Upon request, Miss Palmer read the petition with the changes desired in full. The brief changes recommended were as follows: that eligibility should also be contingent upon acceptability to the association; that the burden now falling upon the secretary alone should be shared by the Credentials Committee; that in place of holding the meetings quarterly they should be held semi-annually; that three instead of five should prove a quorum of the Executive Committee; that the article on amendments should be divided into two sections, one referring to the constitution and the other referring to the by-laws; that all amendments after being duly presented shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

The Committee on Legislation, Miss Allerton, chairman, was then called.

Miss Allerton stated that she was required to make a written report at the annual meeting only, but she would like to make an informal partial report. Miss Allerton gave a little history of the framing of the bill, and urged upon each nurse the necessity of taking a personal interest in it and doing all in her power to create public opinion in favor of it, and if possible to bring direct as well as indirect influence to bear upon the eleven Assemblymen and seven Senators who constitute the Committee on Public Health. The names of these eighteen men with their constituencies were read by the secretary.

Miss S. F. Palmer then read the bill as it now stands, and also a copy of the petition circulated for the signatures of citizens and physicians indorsing the bill. Miss Allerton said it had been considered wise not to have the bill presented until the middle of February. It was moved by Miss Thornton and seconded by Miss Dock that the report of the Committee on Legislation be accepted.

The Committee on Publication and the Press, Miss S. F. Palmer, chairman, was called.

Miss Palmer stated that the instructions given that committee at the last meeting have been carried out. There have been mailed eighty-seven copies of the letter submitted for the approval of the society to medical societies and ninety-two copies of the letter to women's clubs throughout the State. These letters were but recently mailed, in order that when the bill is presented the matter may be fresh in the minds of all. Consequently the acknowledgments so far have been few, though all received have been favorable. Miss Palmer then read several of the replies received.

Upon motion of Miss Dock, seconded by Miss Bower, it was voted to accept the report of the Committee on Publication and Press.

There was no report from the Committee on Finances, Mr. L. B. Sanford, chairman.

The Committee on Credentials, Miss Maxwell, chairman, was called.

Miss Maxwell reported that there had been applications received from thirteen nurses for individual membership, from four *alumnæ* associations, and from the Association of Graduate Nurses of Manhattan and Bronx.

The individual names were as follows:

Miss Helena Hoeffner.

Miss Harriet Sutherland, Rhode Island Training-School.

Miss J. Amanda Silver, New York City Training-School.

Miss Theodora H. LeFebvre, New York City Training-School.

Miss Fannie E. Arthur, New York City Training-School.

Miss Mary J. Lambert, St. Lawrence State Hospital.

Miss Katherine Newman, New York City Training-School.

Miss Ellen E. Brady, Faxton Hospital.

Miss Sarah Roberts Cook, Faxton Hospital.

Miss Olive Strobelle, Rochester Homœopathic School.

Miss Beatrice Monteith, Brooklyn Hospital Training-School.

Miss Mary May Whitbeck, St. Luke's Hospital, St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Mary St. John, Bellevue Training-School.

The *Alumnæ* Association of the Presbyterian Hospital Training-School for Nurses, New York City, membership, 118.

Lincoln Hospital and Home *Alumnæ* Association, New York City, membership, 12.

The *Alumnæ* Association of the Erie County Hospital Training-School for Nurses, Buffalo, N. Y., membership, 53.

The *Alumnæ* Association of the Hospital of the Good Shepherd Training-School, Syracuse, N. Y., membership, 40.

The Association of Graduate Nurses of Manhattan and Bronx, New York City, membership, 30.

Upon motion of Miss Dock, the report of the Committee on Credentials was accepted.

Upon the re-reading of the names of individuals and societies by the secretary it was unanimously voted that they be received into membership.

The chairman then requested that a Nominating Committee be appointed. According to the constitution, the three directors form three of this committee, three others being appointed from the floor at the January meeting.

The three nominations were as follows: Miss Samuel, of New York City; Miss McKechnie, of New York City, and Miss Cameron, of New York City. These were then elected to serve with Miss Dock, Miss Maxwell, and Miss Palmer as the Nominating Committee.

Remarks were made by the chairman, Miss Palmer, and Miss Dock urging the nurses to take more interest and to be willing to undertake more work and responsibility in placing our profession in the position which we desire.

Upon motion of Miss Maxwell, seconded by Miss Rhodes, it was voted that in the future the secretary be allowed her living and travelling expenses during the time of attending the meetings.

A letter was read by the secretary from Miss Cadmus expressing her interest and enclosing a newspaper clipping referring to the association and indorsing the proposed bill.

Miss Maxwell then read letters from Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Dr. Delavan, and Dr. W. G. Roberts giving their hearty indorsement and saying that they would

be glad to lend any aid possible to the elevation of the standard of the education of nurses.

Remarks concerning the bill followed, by Miss Twitchell, Miss Delano, Miss Allerton, and Miss Dock, all throwing light on its formation, its destined use, and how it may be aided to pass the Legislature.

Upon motion of Miss Thornton, it was voted that the association extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. Cadwalader Jones for her expressed interest in her address of welcome.

Upon motion of Miss Maxwell, seconded by Miss Dock, the meeting adjourned until two P.M.

The Presbyterian Hospital Alumnae Association invited the officers and delegates to lunch with them at the Savoy, an act of hospitality which was most heartily enjoyed by those partaking.

The meeting was again called to order at two-fifteen P.M.

Miss Dock introduced Dr. Janeway, one of New York's most prominent physicians, who spoke encouragingly in favor of the movement which has been inaugurated for the registration of nurses.

He was followed by Dr. Walter Sands Mills, of the Metropolitan Hospital, Blackwell's Island, who, as secretary of the Homeopathic County Society, represented that body as well as the Metropolitan Hospital, indorsing the movement and promising it support.

After a short recess the meeting was called to order and the remainder of the session was occupied in discussion of the proposed bill and in hearing suggestions of how best to accomplish its passage by the Legislature.

There were no criticisms of the bill made either by members present or by the visitors, and no amendment was proposed.

The Bellevue Alumni extended an invitation to the out-of-town delegates to see Sothorn in "Hamlet" in the evening.

There was also an invitation from the Presbyterian Hospital Alumni to meet them at the residence of Mr. H. O. Havemeyer at ten-thirty the following morning to be shown through his picture-gallery.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Dr. Janeway and Dr. Mills for their kind presence and encouraging words; also to Miss Maxwell for her invitation to the picture-gallery, to the Bellevue Alumni for the theatre entertainment, and to the Presbyterian Alumni for the luncheon given.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion being made and seconded the meeting was adjourned to meet in Albany, N. Y., the third Tuesday in April, 1903.

L. E. ANDERSON, Secretary pro tem.

THE NURSES' SETTLEMENT IN NEW YORK

I would like to take the opportunity of saying through *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING* that letters of inquiry regarding the work in the settlement and the possibilities for entrance have become so numerous that it is an actual impossibility to reply to them all as fully and as promptly as I should wish to do. Nurses who think seriously of taking up the work should apply in person to me or to any one of the older residents, as strangers are never taken into residence. When a vacancy occurs, which is but seldom, a new member is chosen from those with whom some member of the family is personally ac-

quainted; a month's residence is then given to test the fitness of the individual for the work. There are no set times for entrance, and no definite periods of service. I make this explanation in answer to many questions and for the information of earnest workers, whom we are all glad to meet at any time.

LILLIAN D. WALD.

NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

THE New York State bill as finally presented to the Legislature in February:

"A BILL FOR THE REGISTRATION OF NURSES OF NEW YORK STATE.

"SECTION 1. Any resident of the State of New York, being over the age of twenty-one years and of good moral character, holding a diploma from a training-school for nurses connected with a hospital giving a course of at least two years, and registered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York as maintaining in this and other respects proper standards, all of which shall be determined by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, and who shall have received from the Regents of the University of the State of New York a certificate of his or her qualifications to practise as a registered nurse, shall be styled and known as a registered nurse, and no other person shall assume such title, or use the abbreviation R. N. or any other words, letters, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is such a registered nurse.

"SEC. 2. The Regents of the University of the State of New York shall annually appoint a board of five examiners, which shall be selected from at least ten nominees of the New York State Nurses' Association, and with the advice of this Board of Examiners make rules for the examination of nurses applying for certification under this act.

"The Regents of the University of the State of New York shall charge for examination and for certification such fee as may be necessary to meet the actual expenses, and they shall report annually their receipts and expenditures under the provisions of this act to the State Comptroller, and pay the balance of receipts over expenditures to the State Treasurer.

"The Regents of the University of the State of New York may revoke any such certificate for sufficient cause after written notice to the holder thereof and hearing thereon.

"SEC. 3. Upon recommendation of the Board of Examiners the Regents of the University of the State of New York may, in their discretion, waive the examination of any persons possessing the qualifications mentioned in Section 1 who shall have been graduated before or who are in training at the time of the passage of this act, and who shall apply in writing for such certificate within three years after the passage of this act.

"SEC. 4. Any violation of this act shall be a misdemeanor."

MISS ALLINE'S REPORT OF THE CLASS IN HOSPITAL ECONOMICS FOR
JANUARY

MISS ALLINE reports that during the month of January the students in the hospital economics class visited the Walker Gordon Milk Laboratory, where the manager kindly met them and gave a brief description of their method of modifying milk, practical points in the management of a dairy farm, and precautions advisable in handling milk for general use. The students then visited the labora-

tory and observed the modification carried on in accordance with various prescriptions sent in by physicians. The following week a visit was made to the New York Hospital. Much profit is derived from these visits. Each student is assigned a definite subject which she is expected to observe, and these points are afterwards discussed in class. The next available half day was spent at the State meeting. Since considerable knowledge of domestic science seems to be expected of our students, and since in the short period of one year it is impossible to do justice to the many subjects which the students wish to take up, Miss Alline advocates the extension of the term to two years as soon as this may be possible.

Our balance on hand is only sixteen dollars and eight cents. Funds are urgently required in order to carry on the work the remainder of the college year.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE NURSES' BILL

THE bill for the State registration of trained nurses in North Carolina passed the House successfully, but is being held up in the Senate by two private sanatoriums and one hospital on account of the two-years' course and the clause pertaining to pupil nurses.

NURSES APPOINTED ON THE NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF IN FEBRUARY

MISS CAROLINE DICKSON, Long Island College Hospital.

Miss Sarah B. Myer, Seney Hospital, Brooklyn.

Miss Netta Carter, Bellevue Hospital.

Miss Caroline Robin, Post-Graduate Hospital.

Miss Beatrice Parks, German Hospital, Brooklyn.

L. L. R.

CORRECTION

IN last month's issue Miss Krüer was mentioned as being a graduate of the German Hospital, New York. Miss Krüer, however, is a graduate of Mt. Sinai, in New York City.—Ed.

REGULAR MEETINGS

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The quarterly meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Homœopathic Hospital was held January 14, 1903, at 280 St. James Place. Most of the time was spent in the election of officers for the coming year: President, Miss E. L. Park; vice-president, Miss M. White, D. O.; treasurer, Miss H. Taber; secretary, Miss C. Moor; auditor, Miss K. Fanning. The subject of the endowment of a chair in hospital economics at Columbia University was discussed. The proposition to aid in this matter was favorably received. More definite reports will be made at the next meeting.

CHICAGO.—An unusually delightful lecture with stereopticon on "The Village Care of the Insane" was given by Miss Julia Lathrop to the nurses of St. Luke's Alumnae Association and their friends on Monday, January 19, in the Auditorium at Hull House. Miss Lathrop's popularity as a worker and speaker was well manifested in the very large attendance, there being over two hundred present. Owing to much sickness in the city there was only a

small percentage of nurses in the audience, which is greatly to be regretted, for Miss Lathrop's knowledge of the conditions existing in the care of insane patients is very extensive. Her suggestions for the betterment of such conditions in our own vicinity were heartily met with, and truly inspired those present to do all in their power towards the advancement of such reforms.

DETROIT, MICH.—The annual meeting of the Farrand Training-School Alumnae Association of Harper Hospital was held in the library of the Swain Home on January 6, 1903. The meeting was called to order at three-thirty p.m., only a small number being present. After hearing the reports of the secretary and treasurer, which were approved, the Nominating Committee announced the officers for the ensuing year: President, Miss M. E. Smith; first vice-president, Miss Betteys; second vice-president, Miss Ella Russell; secretary, Miss Carle; treasurer, Miss Maude McCloskie.

PHILADELPHIA.—The graduates of the Jewish Maternity Hospital Training-School have organized an Alumnae Association with the following officers: President, Miss Annie Sophia Bullock, Class of 1900; first and second vice-presidents, Miss Fannie Weiss, Class of 1899, Mrs. Emma Dull, Class of 1901; secretary, Miss Betty Chodowski, Class of 1899; assistant secretary, Miss Rose Rubin, Class of 1903; treasurer, Mrs. S. Belle Cohn.

ORANGE, N. J.—During the past year four thousand four hundred and fifty-nine visits were made by nurses from the Visiting Nurses' Settlement, Orange, the number of patients being six hundred and twenty-three. The working corps is now: Head worker, Miss Margaret Anderson; her assistant, Miss Harriet Staples, and three pupil nurses. The settlement family also includes three graduate nurses, a deaconess in residence for a four-months' experience in district nursing, an untrained nurse, and two children. This work has become largely self-supporting.

GREENFIELD, MASS.—The graduates of the Franklin County Public Hospital organized an alumnae association on October 25, 1902. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The officers are: President, Miss Anna Moritz; vice-president, Miss Katherine A. Martin; treasurer, Miss Anna Koch; secretary, Miss Anna D. Cornwall. There are committees for literary, social, and relief work.

BALTIMORE.—The University of Maryland Nurses' Alumnae held their third annual meeting December 18, 1902, at four p.m., in the reception-room at the hospital. The meeting was opened by an informal tea, kindly given by Mrs. Taylor, superintendent. Roll-call showed twenty-one members present. Election of officers for 1903 resulted as follows: President, Miss V. C. Weitzel; first vice-president, Miss G. L. Anderson; second vice-president, Miss E. B. Grey; secretary and treasurer, Miss Eleanor Mayes; auditor, Miss Milton. After the regular business of the alumnae closed, an address by Mrs. Taylor was given, explaining the object of St. Barnabas Guild for Nurses.

BUFFALO.—At a special meeting of the Erie County Hospital Alumnae Association, held at the president's home, 922 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y., the

constitution and by-laws, which have been under revision for the last six months, were thoroughly discussed and adopted. The new by-laws will make some radical changes, the main ones being in the classification of members, and the meetings will hereafter be held monthly, except during the summer months. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. H. Pfeffer, 70 Dodge Street, on the first Wednesday in the month. Mrs. Pfeffer is chairman of the Press Committee and will have charge of the printing of the new constitutions. The other item of business to be considered at the special meeting was the subject of the banquet, which it was decided to have at the Castle Inn, on Niagara Square, Thursday, January 22, at seven P.M. Mrs. F. M. Lewis, a noted teacher of parliamentary law, and Miss Damer were guests at the special meeting, which closed at five P.M.

BUFFALO.—The Erie County Hospital Alumnae Association of Buffalo will be five years old in June, but it held its first annual banquet on the evening of January 22 at the Castle Inn, on Niagara Square. By far a larger number of the fifty-odd members are non-residents of the city, but seventeen gathered about the festive board with their two guests of honor, Miss Annie Damer, so well known to all nurses, and Mrs. John F. Lewis, the popular parliamentary-law teacher of our city. A delightful repast was served, to which the company did justice while recalling reminiscences of their training-days and recounting experiences of work, outside of the hospital, in various lines. At the close the president, Miss McKinnon, presided and called upon some of the members to respond to the following toasts: "Our Guests," Mrs. L. H. Pfeffer; "Our Alumnae," Miss Jennie M. Cox; "State Registration," Miss Emma J. Keating. Miss Damer also spoke on "State Registration" and Mrs. Lewis spoke on "Parliamentary Law." After a very pleasant hour, with chat and music, in the delightfully quaint parlors of the inn, the company separated, feeling that an annual gathering should be the rule.

NEW YORK.—The annual meeting of the Bellevue Alumnae was held in the Training-School parlors January 15, 1903. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Miss Cameron; first vice-president, Miss Humphrey; second vice-president, Miss Dunne; secretary, Miss Rhodes; treasurer, Mrs. Bohling. Six new members were announced. After the business was finished the meeting adjourned for coffee and a social time.

BROOKLYN.—The regular monthly, also the annual, meeting of the Brooklyn Hospital Alumnae Association was held at the Training-School, Tuesday, February 3. Twenty-two members were present and five new names were added to the membership. The chief feature of the meeting was the election of the new Board of Directors for the coming year, as follows: Miss Van Ingen, Miss Montieth, Miss Coleman, Miss Elizabeth Percy, Miss Rowell, Miss Holt, and Miss Soulé. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held immediately after the adjourning of the alumnae meeting and the following were voted in as officers of the association: President, Miss Van Ingen; first vice-president, Miss Percy; second vice-president, Miss Rowell; recording secretary, Miss Soulé; corresponding secretary, Miss Coleman; treasurer, Miss Holt.

NEW YORK.—At the annual meeting of the Mt. Sinai Alumnae, held January 4, 1903, the following officers were elected: President, Miss Freida L. Hartman,

58 West Forty-ninth Street; vice-president, Miss Elizabeth B. Chadwick, 110 West Ninety-fourth Street; treasurer, Miss Susie Shillady, 33 West Fifty-eighth Street; recording secretary, Miss Jane H. Ryerson, 82 East Eighty-first Street. It will assist in the work of the association if members will send changes of addresses to the secretary.

ORANGE, N. J.—A regular meeting of the Orange Memorial Alumnae was held at No. 12 Mutford Street January 21, 1903. Fifteen members were present and two names were proposed for membership. After the general business was finished a short account of the convention of the Spanish-American War Nurses, held in Washington, was read by one of the members; following this was a paper upon "Social Economics," after which the members were pleasantly entertained by Miss Susie Sanders.

BOSTON.—One of the most delightful meetings of the Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Massachusetts General Hospital was held at Hotel Nottingham, Tuesday evening, January 27. Fifty members were present. Only routine business was transacted, nearly the whole evening being given up to social pleasures. The dining-tables were arranged in the form of an open square and very prettily decorated with ferns and carnations. Just before leaving the dining-room the president, Miss M. E. P. Davis, very graciously voiced the sentiments of the association regarding the promotion of good-fellowship among the members, saying that one way of enhancing "camaraderie" is by embracing every opportunity of letting our members feel that we appreciate heroic or worthy effort, and by acknowledging our debt of gratitude to those whose lives and works have made landmarks in our history." Special mention was made of the "pride and pleasure we have in our 'honorary members,'—Miss Linda Richards, Miss J. E. Sangster, and Miss Anna C. Maxwell." In presenting these members with the pin of the alumnae Miss Davis said "the little offering could not be considered as a *reward*, but simply to give visible expression of our fraternal relations with those members whose *reward* comes from the consciousness of duty well done, and who *add* dignity and honor to the professional nursing world." Miss Richards's response was received with much applause. We were very glad to have Miss Richards with us, but regretted exceedingly that the other "honorary members" could not attend the meeting.

PHILADELPHIA.—The regular meeting of the alumnae of the Protestant Episcopal Church Hospital was held February 3 in the Nurses' Home. Twelve members were present and five new members from the Class of 1902 were admitted. It was decided that the alumnae should join the Consumers' League. After the business was finished tea and cake were served. Nearly all the members of this alumnae belong to the Philadelphia County Association and all are in favor of State registration.

BALTIMORE.—The third annual banquet of the University of Maryland Nurses' Alumnae was held at the club January 1, 1903, at eight P.M., and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The Committee on Arrangements deserve great credit for their work. The rooms presented a college appearance, being handsomely decorated with maroon and black, ribbons, candles, and flowers. Each member received as a souvenir a dainty water-color menu card with a written sentiment appropriate to the occasion by Miss Pauline Mosby. Toast mistress, Miss Grace

Anderson; respondents, Misses Blight, Dunderdale, and Wise. A dance gave the final touch to the programme, and with many good wishes for a new year the members parted, hoping to meet in 1904.

PHILADELPHIA.—The Alumnae Association of University Hospital held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 2, 1903, at three p.m., in the Nurses' Home. The president in the chair. Eighteen members present. Miss Brobson reported progress in arranging a curriculum for a "post-graduate course," but nothing definite yet; there is much detail work to be discussed, but the chairman hopes to submit a complete report of her committee's work at the next meeting. The following members were chosen as delegates to the convention next June: For the younger nurses, Miss Clarke; alternates, Miss Simpson and Miss Sweigart; for the older nurses, Miss Brobson, with Miss Barrett and Miss Casey as alternates. The secretary was instructed to write Miss Thornton, of the Nurses' Associate Alumnae, for the subjects to be discussed at the convention. Miss Brobson was asked to prepare a paper for the annual meeting in June next on "Post-Graduate Work."

PHILADELPHIA.—The Philadelphia County Nurses' Association held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 1903, at three p.m., in the New Century Club, Twelfth Street below Chestnut, with the president, Miss Walker, in the chair. The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as read. The following committees reported: Publication, Arrangement, Room, Treasurer, and Councillor. Miss Milne, chairman of the Charter Committee, announced that a charter had been granted to the association. Miss Cornelia Happersett was elected and Miss Alverda Spackman proposed for membership. Miss Walker read a paper on "Post-Graduate Work," very clearly defining its need, its difficulties, and its advantages. General discussion on this subject followed, and a motion was made by Miss Rudden, seconded by Miss Fullom, that the secretary write to the superintendents of hospitals inviting them to our next business meeting to discuss with us the possibilities for such post-graduate work in aid of all graduates, but more especially for the graduates of small or "special" hospitals, in order that their graduates may by such post-graduate work be eligible for membership in this association. There were present fourteen members, and as guests six nurses from the Pennsylvania Hospital whom the members were pleased to welcome.

[Miss Walker's paper will be given in April.—Ed.]

KANSAS CITY, MO.—The Kansas City Association of Graduate Nurses was organized January 8, 1903, in the Bonaventure Hotel, with eight earnest, enthusiastic members. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. At the second monthly meeting, with Miss Vreeman in the chair, membership was increased to twenty-one, representing ten different schools, all very much alive to the good work that may be done. Officers elected are: President, Miss Rosine Vreeland; first vice-president, Miss Cornelia E. Seelye; second vice-president, Miss Emily Cordell; secretary, Miss Mary B. Hill; assistant secretary, Miss Albertine Battin; treasurer, Miss Clara White. Miss Seelye, Miss Hill, and Miss Landis were appointed to draft by-laws for the association. Mrs. Dickson and Miss Adams are the Programme Committee for the March meeting. The February meeting closed with a pleasant social hour.

BUFFALO.—On January 29 the annual entertainment of the Alumnae Association of the Buffalo General Hospital Training-School for nurses was held at the home of Miss Greenwood, 77 West Eagle Street. It was a masquerade with dancing and cards. There were some thirty-five present. Supper was served at small tables in the dining-room, which was decorated with ferns and white roses.

WASHINGTON.—The Alumnae Society of the Garfield Memorial Training-School for Nurses held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the tenth, in one of the lecture halls of the Medical Department of the Columbian University. Dr. Fry delivered an interesting lecture on "Obstetrics." The attendance was large, there being a number of nurses from other schools present. After the lecture a business meeting was held and several of the nurses gave "experiences," both interesting and instructive, which they had had in their work.

OWING to the fact that February was a short month, the official pages were closed a few days earlier than usual, making it necessary to hold over a number of reports and items which were intended for this number. Contributors are reminded that such material should be in the editor's hands not later than the fifteenth of the month, when possible.

MARRIAGES

ON January 14, at Washington, D. C., Miss Rose Hoffman Haas, graduate of the University of Maryland Training-School, Class of 1897, to Dr. Samuel Frederick Pfohl. Dr. and Mrs. Pfohl will reside at Winston-Salem, N. C.

ON January 29, at Concord, N. H., Miss Jennie Foster Moore, graduate of the Massachusetts General Training-School, Boston Lying-In Hospital, and Boston Floating Hospital, to Henri T. Fontaine, M.D., of Concord, N. H. Since July Miss Moore was in charge of the Margaret Pillsbury General Hospital at Concord.

AT the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moody, East Northfield, Mass., on February 3, 1903, Miss Anna Moritz, graduate of the Franklin County Public Hospital Training-School for Nurses, to the Rev. George E. A. Reschke, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

OBITUARY

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Miss W. Agnes Thomson, a member of the Alumnae Association of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School for Nurses, who died at her home in Greenfield, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, June 1, 1902, of heart disease after a lingering illness of three years.

Miss Thomson was a member of the Class of 1893, remained in the service of the hospital as head nurse, and was later appointed to take charge of the sterilizing-room.

At the October meeting of the Alumnae Association a committee was appointed to prepare the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS, Our associate, Miss W. Agnes Thomson, has removed from our midst by death, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Alumnae Association of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School for Nurses, extend to her mother and family expressions of deepest sympathy and regret.

Resolved, That the above resolution be sent to the bereaved family, be recorded in the minutes of the association, and be published in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

"LENA S. WHIPPLE,
"A. McCRAE,
"Committee."

DIED, in Boston, December 26, 1902, Miss Florence Hutcheson.

Miss Hutcheson was a graduate of Bellevue Hospital, Class of 1886, and for the last year and a half occupied the position of superintendent of nurses of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital Training-School for Nurses.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Alumnae Association of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital:

"WHEREAS, Inasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our co-worker, Miss Florence Hutcheson,

Resolved, That her many sterling qualities and her devotion to her profession will be remembered by all who knew her.

Resolved, That we, the members of this association, extend to her family our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, printed in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and recorded in the minutes of the association.

"MARY F. FOWLER,
"HARRIET FORBES,
"HELEN F. CARR."

THE members of the Alumnae Association of the Illinois Training-School for Nurses record with sorrow the loss by death of two of their number, Miss Hannah Niehof and Miss Bertha Lentz.

Miss Niehof died on December 5 at Manila. She had been in the Philippines for several years, first as an army nurse, later holding a position in the Woman's Hospital at Manila. She was buried in the National Cemetery there.

Miss Lentz died in New York City on January 5 after a painful and hopeless illness. She had been doing private nursing there for some years. She was buried at Zanesville, O.

DIED, at Dividing Creek, N. J., January 30, 1903, Mrs. Anna Bergan Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson was a graduate of the Class of 1900 of the Paterson General Hospital Training-School.

After graduating she took a position as head nurse in the Nyack Hospital, giving up the position to marry Rev. Frank Anderson in September, 1901, and went to live at Dividing Creek, N. J., where she died.

"WHEREAS, Inasmuch as it pleased God to remove from our midst our fellow-member, who was beloved by all, be it

Resolved, That we, in the loss of our fellow-nurse and friend, extend to the husband and family of Mrs. Anderson our deepest sympathy.

“COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.”

It is with deep sorrow that the Ramsey County Graduate Nurses' Association announces the death of one of their charter members, Mary Hall, who died after a long illness in October, 1902. Miss Hall was a graduate of the New England Hospital, Roxbury, Mass., and spent most of her time in private practice in St. Paul, Minn. She won friends everywhere. As one of the doctors remarked, “She was the most unselfish person I ever knew.”

Resolved, That we, the members of the Ramsey County Graduate Nurses' Association, tender our sympathy to her sister in the East, to Dr. Jeannette McLaren, St. Paul, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING and be recorded in the minutes of the association.

MARY WOOD, President.

